

## DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

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As the below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **BAGGING MACHINE TO MANUFACTURE SEAL EDGED BAGS**, the specification of which was filed on October 8, 2002, as Application Serial No 10/266,860.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any United States provisional patent application, foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and/or any international priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 365 based on the following foreign and/or international application(s) listed below, and also identify below any United States provisional patent application, foreign and/or international application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the above-identified application(s) on which priority is claimed:

Prior Application Number(s)	Country	Filing Date
101 49 476.9	Germany	10/08/2001

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States patent application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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